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SUBJECT: CHASE-SARDI

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1. ARRESTS OF CHASE-SARDI AND OTHER MARANDU PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES PRODUCING GROWING CONCERN HERE. IN ADDITION TO URGENT INQUIRIES FROM INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR RIGHTS OF MAN (REFTEL) AND INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION, DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED CALLS FROM OFFICES OF SENATOR ABOUREZK AND CONGRESSMAN FRASER, REQUESTING STATUS REPORT. ABOUREZK ALSO INSERTED LENGTHY STATEMENT IN DECEMBER 19 CONGRESSIONAL RECORD (POUCHED ASUNCION). EXCERPTS FOLLOW: QTE. AT PRESENT NO ONE HAS RECEIVED WORD OF WELL BEING OF CHASE-SARDI AND HIS COLLEAGUES. NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED AND NO ONE HAS SEEN THEM SINCE DAY OF THEIR ARREST. ACTIVITIES OF THIS FINE PROJECT HAVE BEEN HALTED DUE TO CLIMATE OF UNREST AND FEAR. WHAT WAS INTERPRETED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE NEW ERA OF COOPERATION AND INTEREST IN INDIAN AFFAIRS

ON PART OF GOVERNMENT IN PARAGUAY NOW SEEMS MERELY TRANSITORY PHASE. ACHIEVEMENTS OF BRIEF PERIOD OF COLLABORATION NOW SEEM LIKELY TO BE UNDONE BY PERSECUTION OF THOSE COMMITTED TO IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIAN PROMOTION. IT IS URGENT THAT ALL OF US WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST SUCH SENSELESS OPPRESSION OF INDIVIDUALS AND, IN LARGER SENSE, OF MOVEMENT TOWARD INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION. UNQTE.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S GUIDANCE ON RESPONDING TO GROWING NUMBER OF INQUIRIES. ROBINSON

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